

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-5, 9 and 10 are pending. Claims 1-5, 9 and 10 have been allowed.
Claims 6-8, 11 and 12 have been canceled.

Claim Rejections

Claims 6-8 and 11 and 12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 11 and 12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101. Claims 6 and 7 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by GB 2 055 376A ("376 GB"). Claims 11 and 12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over '376 GB.

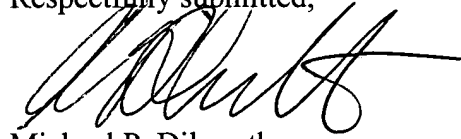
Claims 6-8 and 11-12 have been canceled hereinabove, thus rendering moot the instant claim rejections. The examiner is respectfully requested to issue a Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-5, 9 and 10 so that this application may proceed to grant.

Applicants enclose a certified copy of the priority document. Acknowledgement of receipt of same is respectfully requested.

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Should any issues remain outstanding that can be resolved by telephone, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

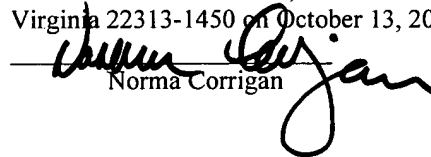
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